shall be made available to all the beneficiaries under IRDP by DRDA.

13. There are several Government programme in the social sector. Ministries/Departments of Women and Child Developments Health & Family Welfare; Social Welfare and Education, all of which have relevance to the rehabilitiation of child labour and prevention of recurrence of child labour phenamenon. The concerned departmental officials shall inform this Standing Committee of suitable projects and surveys relevent to the alimination of child labour. A special Standing Committee of the Zilla Parishads should be entrusted with the responsibility to coordinate all these programmes with the primary objectives of climinating child labour.

14. In order to ensure that various programmes relating to elimination of child labour are implemented without any delay at the district level, funds from Government of India and the State Governments concerned with these programmes may be made available directly to the Zilla Parishads.

15. The Standing committee of Zilla Parishads co coordinate and take up the farmulation of coordinated plans and the schemes for the benefit of child labourers.

16. The Standing Committee of officials referred to under para 7 above shall also submit a periodical review of the child labour situation in the district to the Standing Committee of Zilla Parishads.

Rate of saving in India

*186. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the special feature captioned 'Savings in India, whom to believe: CSO or RBI' which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the 22nd February, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for variation in savings estimates done by two official agencies; and

(c) what is the actual rate of savings in India at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The variation in the estimates of savings prepared by the CSO and the RBI is essentially due to different timings of such estimation by the two organisations.

(c) The rate of Gross Domestic Saving for 1993-94 is estimated at 20.2%.

Production and Export of Tea

*187. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated production of tea in the calendar year 1995 and how much is expected to be sold in the domestic market and how much quantity is expected to be exported;

(b) whether Government intend to export tea to Pakistan; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the tea industry is hit by falling exports and low home prices; if so, what steps Government have taken to avert any crisis in the Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):

(a) Target for production and exports of tea for the year 1995-96 have been fixed at 780 million kgs and 210 million kgs respectively. Domestic demand for tea during the year 1995 is estimated at 600 million kgs.

*†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Viren J. Shah

(b) Indian tea is being exported to Pakistan also. During 1994 shipment licences for export of 1.41 million kgs of tea to Pakistan have been issued by the Tea Board.

(c) Higher production of tea during the current year coupled with lower intake of Indian tea by major importing countries like Russia and Iran has resulted in prices of teas ruling easy at the auctions. In order to step up exports of India tea to Russia an agreement has been signed with the Russian Government which inter-alia provides for import of tea under the debt repayment mechanism. A suitable module has also been approved by the Government for promotional strategies to be undertaken in Russia and other CIS countries by the Tea Board in consultation with the tea industry. Iranian authorities have also been requested to facilitate opening of LCs for exports of Indian tea in respect of contracts signed by Indian exporters with the Iranian buying agency. Other steps taken to boost exports of tea through Tea Board's offices abroad inter-alia include (i) participation in trade fairs/exhibitaion (ii) media campaigns to increase consumer awareness and popularies Indian tea through the Tea Board marketing symbol (iii) support to various foreign brands containing Indian tea and (iv) Darjeeling and Assam Logo promotion schemes to popularies classic Indian teas.

Subsidised Rice to consumers in Andhra Pradesh

†188. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought the Central assistance for implementation of the scheme to give rice at Rs.2/-per kg. to the ration card holders whose annual income is less than Rs. 6000--; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that they are providing up to 25 kgs of rice per month at the rate of Rs. 2 per kg. to every household identified as poor by the State Government. The State Government has estimated an expenditure of Rs. 1265/- crores in 1995-96 for this scheme. The State Government has requested the Central Government for a grant to cover this expenditure. Central Government makes available foodrains for the Public Distribution system to all States/UTs including Andhra Pradesh at uniform Central Issue Prices on which the Central Government incures subsidy. There is no proposal to give additional grants or subsidy to any State/UT for this purpose.

Dues Under ESI and PF acts

*189. SHRI: JIBON ROY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any legal impediment under Section 22 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 to recover legal dues under ESI & PF Acts from the defaulting industrial companies;

(b) if so, what action is being contemplated by Government to amend Section 22(6) of the SICA to avoid harassment to the workers who are being denied of their legal dues from defaulting employers;

(c) whether it is a fact that as on 31st March, 1994 the arrears of ESI

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